

REMARKS

Claims 33-36, 45-56, 62, and 68 have been canceled to expedite prosecution. Claims 57, 58, 63, 64, 69 and 70 have been amended to independent form.

Rejection of Claims 33-36 and 53 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 33-36 and 53 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, “because the subject matter was not described in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.”

The Examiner also states, “Applicants are also not enabled for use of a ‘pseudo-ligand’ that does not include the KGA fragment of NGF, as recited in Claims 33, 53, 56, 62 and 68.”

Claims 33-36, 53, 56, 62 and 68 have been canceled.

Rejection of Claims 56, 62 and 68 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 56, 62 and 68 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, “as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.”

Claims 56, 62 and 68 have been canceled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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